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MODERN BOXING IS CHILD'S PLAY COMPARED WITH PAST FIGHTERS

Former Heavyweight Champion, John L. Sullivan, Declares That Work of Present Fighters is a Farce, and Does Not Compare With the Clever Work of Old Timers, Who Fought With Bare Fists.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Comparing the pugilistic champions of today with the champions of old is little more than a useless waste of time. Such comparisons prove interesting at times it is true, yet the followers of boxing who wrangle over the merits of present day title holders as compared to the old timers seldom get any place.

Joe Chynski recently expressed the opinion in these columns that any man in this age who has big muscles, hair on his chest and a good press agent, can be a boxer.

Joe added that the rules as interpreted now are responsible for the lack of cleverness, especially among the big fellows. Well and

good. Joe ought to know whereof he speaks, and it is noticeable that he did not delve into comparisons.

Many a boxing fan has asked the question: Who was the greater of heavyweights? And—John L. Sullivan considered as good a man as John J. Sullivan was in his prime?

The boxing expert who must give his honest opinion. There is no way through the medium of questions. That is why the express opinion here that it is wasting time to argue over such questions.

John L. Sullivan once expressed an opinion that seems to fit the case, and he wasn't really comparing any two men, at that. He said:

"Boxing has been revolutionized the past 25 years, and, compared to fighting in the old days—the 30's—it is quite a different play. I do not say this with prejudice or anything of the kind, but from earnest observations in my travels throughout the country since I quit the ring in 1890, I held the title under the old London prize ring rules, and knew whereof I speak when I say that fighting under old conditions was a real test of a man's ability and courage."

It was brutal in many respects, and that is one of the reasons why I advocated the use of big gloves. I toured the country and offered \$1000 to any man I failed to stop in four rounds. It did much to introduce the big gloves throughout the country, and in my opinion was really the beginning of the new era in boxing.

This honest opinion, coming from the great old champion of the heavyweights, is in the estimation of the writer an argument against the practice of useless comparisons of men who follow the ring today and those who followed a livelihood by fighting 25 or 30 years ago.

One might as well compare ball players who played under the old time rules with the stars of the present day. It is just as futile, if you come down to brass tacks.

Matty has a fine, virile, vivid example of the value of slugging out fighters to a ball club.

When the great old champion on his payroll—Rough, Neale, Griffith and Therpe, although Therpe has just begun to show signs of developing into a slugger, the first named players comprise the heaviest hitting outfield in the National League.

Unless a player signs for \$100,000 and better for the season, and allows for the great work of Matty's pitchers and the slugging offense and defense of the club as a whole, the work of this outfield trio has been of wonderful value in raising the Reds from the curb and placing them in a position where they command the respect of every club in the league.

KELLY—THE NICKEL THAT ROLLED INTO THE POCKET - By Briggs



HOBBS BEATER TY FAILED TO THAN OLIPHANT WAS AN ALL AROUND STAR OF West Point Athletic Circles.

Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 2.—So much has been written of the marvelous all-around proficiency of Oliphant, the West Point man, that the fact that another has made an even greater record for the army is being gradually overlooked.

The youth whose record is even greater than that of Oliphant is Walter Leland Stanford Hobbs, of Philadelphia, son of an old official of the Pennsylvania railroad.

While Oliphant is credited with being the only man to win the four letters in "variety sport" at West Point, Hobbs accomplished the same feat and won Oliphant's record.

Hobbs made letters in football, basketball, baseball and track sports, as did Oliphant, but Hobbs also won the best gymnast, boxer, fencer and swimmer in West Point, and received a letter on each of these sports.

The thing that most clearly reflects Hobbs' all-around ability is the fact that he was a member of the West Point football team, the basketball team, the baseball team, the track team, the boxing team, the fencing team, and the swimming team.

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**MRS. FRED LETTS
NEW CHAMPION**
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 2.—Mrs. Fred C. Letts, Jr., woman's western golf champion, defeated the champion of Chicago from Mrs. Melvin Jones of Glen Oaks Country club 5 and 1, in the today's final round of the Western Golf Association tournament over the Midwestern course to win the former Cincinnati star's 2 down the course, shooting a 47 in 44 for Mrs. Jones, but an unbeatable 25 on the second nine for Letts, or 88 total strokes, for Mrs. Jones, who scored a 46 for a total of 94.

**NEWARK PILOT
A CANDIDATE**
Newark has a good chance of furnishing a third manager for the New York Yankees. For some time representatives of the Yankees have been paying visits to the Newark park to watch Tom Niedham's work, and it is understood that one of the Yankees owners and a number of his friends are strongly in favor of taking the Newark leader over there next year. The choice, it is said, lies between Niedham and Larry Doyle, of the Chicago Cubs.

BRVES STILL CONFIDENT.
Hope wednes eternal in the baseball as well as the human breast and the Braves have by no means given up their determination to win this year's pennant. (via the cellar, even though they seriously impaired their chances by unfortunately winning both games from the Cardinals on July 21, the pennant makes matters difficult for the Braves, but both sides of their doubleheader with the Dodgers on the same day.

In 1914 the Braves emerged from last place on July 18 by winning a game from the Reds. This year it is impossible for the Braves to repeat this performance, as they cannot possibly get to the proper starting point for all Boston National pennant drives before Saturday at the very earliest. The ladder for three or four days longer and still repeat the great marvel.

**Georgia Star Participated
in 1330 Games and Failed
to Connect in 336.**
When Ty Cobb went hitless in two games recently some of the fans began to wonder. Yet, according to statistics provided by Al Monroe, Elias, the Georgia compiler of diamond dope, the Georgia has played 1330 major league games in which he has failed to register so much as a single.

As Ty has participated in 1330 major league contests since he joined the Tigers in August, 1905, the percentage of hitless failures is very small. He has struck in nearly 1300 games in his time and has made 222 major league hits all told, of which 221 were for two bases, 177 for three and 8 for the circuit. His average stood up to the minute 7.374.

By his record of four hits in a game 10 times and did this once in a world series against Chicago. He has made 10 home runs in a game four times and 100 in a season twice.

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**JOE WOODMAN
DEFENDS SAM**
Says That Boston Tar Baby Was Not in Condition For Fulton Battle.

Joe Woodman, manager of Sam Langford, in a letter to the press which is published today, explains the reason for the tar baby's defeat by Fred Fulton, Woodman writes:

"Many of your readers no doubt are wondering what was the matter with Sam Langford when he stepped at the end of the sixth round with Fred Fulton in Boston on June 15. Some no doubt think that Fulton was the better man; others that Langford has reached the end of his wonderful fighting career, and still others may think that Sam was looking for another bout, but here is the real reason.

"In his training for this bout or in the first round of the contest, he was struck on the nose with a lead pipe which was held by the referee for the time being left him up and he has never been the same since. He is now under the care of two of the best eye specialists in this section of the country and while they have relieved Langford so that he is able to see from one eye and see in both eyes, they will not be able to see the other in a few days; they are somewhat doubtful about that unless an operation is performed. In the many years of boxing that Langford has taken part in battles I have rarely ever offered any advice for him when defeated, and for this reason I am not going to offer any advice now. I am going to inform the boxing fans in order to let them know the real cause of his defeat and to let them know that the tar baby has been given another chance with Fred Fulton, providing, of course, that his sight is restored."

PHILLIES PAY BIG SALARIES
Evers and Alexander Stars

WITH the acquisition of the services of John J. Evers, from the Boston club, the Phillies now have in their payroll two of the highest salaried players in the country.

On the club in the major leagues are there two men drawing the salaries that Alexander and Evers are paid. The Phillies are paying Cobb a princely sum for his services; Washington pays Johnson more than the average bank president draws, and Speaker receives a small fixed fortune each season for playing for Cleveland, but not another club save the Phillies has two big contracts constantly draining the treasury.

When Alexander was signed last winter it was announced that his salary was \$12,000. Evers' contract, announced by Boston, is for \$10,000, making the total salary drawn by these two men \$22,000, although the latter may not get a pro rata of Evers' stipend.

This sum, in itself, not to include the aggregate of the salaries of 18 or 20 other players, is a heavy load for any club to carry and it is an example tending to show the difference in ball players' salaries today and 20 years ago.

J. Shetlin, business manager of the Phillies, is the authority for the statement that the year the Phillies finished second and only a few games behind the leaders the total salary roll of the club was not double the amount of the contracts of Alexander and Evers. The team of that year contained such stars as Leblanc, Lajoie, Evers and McFarland. Think of this quarter of a century playing for \$2200 per season! Yet this was the maximum salary paid to the best players in the late thirties.

**BROWNS HANDICAPPED BY
TWO TWIRLERS AT HOME**
St. Louis Browns have sent two sick pitchers home for the season. They are Tim Lincecum, still weak from an operation for appendicitis, and Carl Wellman, just out of a hospital after an operation for removal of a kidney. It was planned to send McCabe to Salt Lake City, where he could regain his strength, but as several clubs refused to waive the plan of giving him a vacation was determined upon.

FELDER BREAKS RECORD.
Muskegon, Mich., Aug. 2.—What was said to have been a world's record for home runs in any one season was broken by Felder of the local Western association club when he hit four for the circuit, for a total of 25 home runs.

SIoux CITY FANS LOSE.
Sioux City, Ia., Aug. 2.—Either St. Joseph, Mo., or Tulsa, Okla., will see the Sioux City Western league baseball team. A deal for the franchise will be consummated some time Friday according to E. J. Hanson, president of the local organization.

**DOUGH BOYS TO
PLAY SATURDAY**
Companies A and B Will Meet at Rio Grande Park For the Third Time.

On their third trip to the diamond within the past two weeks the doughy baseball teams from companies A and B, of the First Texas regiment, will clash Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock at Rio Grande park. The proceeds of the game will go toward the company funds of the two organizations, out of which baseball materials for the equipment of the teams will be purchased.

Each team has won one game so far, company B winning the first encounter, and company A taking the second battle, which was played last Wednesday. Both clubs are composed of former Commercial Amateur and Base City League players, and an interesting game is anticipated when they clash on the field.

At the last meeting on Wednesday the members of both companies turned out to boost for their favorite teams and all 100 persons who desire to witness the baseball encounter are urged to attend the game and help the soldier boys along in their purchase of baseball equipment.

**NATIONAL WILL
ALSO MAKE OUT**
President John K. Tener of the National League has added his promise to that of John J. Evers, that the league would shorten their season or do anything else the president wished.

"To date the president has encouraged the continuation of all sports, and we have no reason to believe he will recommend shortening the games now," Tener said. "Should he wish the games stopped, however, he will find me ready and willing to respond to any service which he believes our men can better serve their country's interest."

**JOE WOOD WILL NOT BE
IN GAME FOR MONTH**
Joe Wood is not expected to try to pitch again before the middle of next month, when he will break in as a relief pitcher. Wood himself says he will not try to cut loose this month. He has pitched often to the Indians in his practice of late, but is adapting a course of setting his whip into shape that will take several weeks more.

TONEY IS BIG WINNER.
Where would the Cincinnati Reds be without Fred Toney? He has won one-third of the games credited to them and soon will have won bonus for winning 20 games this season.

BUT THEY'RE LOSING NOW.
You would never guess what local fans intend to present to Matty's ruminating Reds when that aggregation returns to the workers arrive home from its present successful invasion of the east.

What watches! And thereby hangs a story. Manager Mathewson, pitcher Beaman and Tom Clark are wearing timepieces and they declare the little tickers hidden in their sleeves are the cause of the team's good showing.

Fred Toney, Hal Chase and Jim Thorne, according to report, will have them shortly, and if the good work keeps up Rhineland fans will insist the other members of the team to adorn themselves.

What was given his wrist watch some time ago, but did not wish to wear it. In a moment of forgetfulness he went to the park with the team, and was ready "killed." That afternoon, the team started its winning streak and since then has not lost a series.

WESTERNERS LEAD IN FIELDING AND BATTING FOR 1917 SEASON

Tyrus Cobb and Max Carey Are Both Out To Defend Honors While the Famous Georgian is Hitting the Ball at a .377 Clip; Western Players Have Substantial Lead Over Eastern Rivals.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Batting and fielding honors in the big leagues seem destined to go west this season.

Western major league clubs are setting the pace in these two departments of the game and if the summer half of the two big circuits can annex one of the pennants the west will have something to crow about.

In the National League the balance of western clubs have monopolized the top range of the percentage ladder ever since the season opened. Cobb, of the Cardinals, and Boush of the Reds, have come to the front as sensational hitters and the race between them has been hot for several months.

In club batting the Cincinnati Reds have been the principal pacesetters, and with a long string of games on their home grounds to win up the season, they seem to be in a commanding position to cap the swarming honors.

Hughie Jennings' Detroit Tigers better than usual this year to take the part of pacesetters in their league in the matter of hitting. Jennings, but they came into their own before the season was half over, and it appears that only a sudden reversal of form can cheat them out of American league batting honors.

Tyrus Cobb, after forcing to the front in his string of 25 consecutive hitting games, is proving himself the king of American league batsmen, while speaker, Slater and Chapman, all western players, have kept on his trail.

Cobb and Max Carey were the babe running champs of their respective leagues last year and both are out to defend their honors again this season. Carey has set a lead race for National leaguers, but Ray Chapman was the first American league player to steal the bases and threaten to usurp Cobb's laurels in this department.

The consistent base running of the Cincinnati Reds has been by far the best seen in the National league this year, while in the American league the Cleveland Indians have a big jump on all rivals in the matter of stolen bases.

No matter where the Pirates finish, or what may be said of them by any of the critics, there is no denying the fact that they are playing a complete baseball style. Hugo Bezdek took the managerial reins.

Prior to the release of Jimmy Collins, the most two weeks the major league season from companies A and B, of the First Texas regiment, will clash Saturday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock at Rio Grande park. The proceeds of the game will go toward the company funds of the two organizations, out of which baseball materials for the equipment of the teams will be purchased.

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Eddie Collins and George Burns No Greater Than Big Van Haltren

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—They talk about Eddie Collins and George Burns hanging up high marks in the matter of consecutive games, and the records show that both players have been consistent, everyday performers.

But leave it to the old time fan to dig up something better in the matter of any old kind of a record. Such a fan is Clinton B. Dodge, of New York, who comes forth with the "flippers" to show that George Van Haltren, the old giant outfielder, has an all time fan to dig up something better in the matter of any old kind of a record.

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Mr. Dodge says the records of Collins and Burns are mighty good ones, but in looking back over his old files he has found that Van

Haltren played 464 consecutive games between the seasons of 1897 and 1901, a record which is likely to stand for years to come.

Van Haltren started late in the season of 1897 with the New York club and played the last three games of the schedule. From that time on to 1901, when he played the first ten games of the season without a break in his string, he had piled up his record, and during the years he wore a Giant uniform he was one of the biggest favorites with the fans.

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